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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Daily Activity Report - 3 September 1963

1. Mission Status

a. IDEALIST - The U-2 detachments at Edwards Air Force Base, California [redacted] are in a standby status.

b. BRASS KNOB - Four SAC U-2 missions were completed over Cuba, 1 on 30 August, 1 on 31 August, 1 on 1 September and 1 on 2 September. The mission on 30 August was 90% complete but was recalled due to vital action near the end of mission. No actual contact was made. Mission on 31 August had 100% target coverage with no hostile reactions. Mission on 1 September estimated 90% target coverage and no hostile reaction. Mission on 2 September estimated 75% target coverage and no hostile reaction.

c. SATELLITES - A CORONA/J mission 1001 progressing normally and completed revolution No. 126. Reactivation is planned again for revolution No. 149.

ARGON mission 9058A was completed successfully. The capsule was recovered by "air snatch" on 2 September at 1930 EDT. Mission take was forwarded to Moffett Air Force Base for arrival at 0600 EDT on 3 September.

2. OXCART Status

a. Aircraft #124 - Flight #129; purpose - INS training; duration 2:11 hours; subsonic. Pilots express different opinions regarding pressure suit.

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b. Aircraft #126: Flight #18; purpose - INS and ARC-50; duration - 1:57 hours; subsonic. INS performance good. ARC-50 performance improved.

3. OXCART Status 1800 hours 2 September:

a. Aircraft #121: Modified honeycomb parts received [redacted] 1000 hours 31 August. Around the clock maximum effort over weekend to install honeycomb, process engines through tests and prepare for installation. Engines delivered to aircraft and ready for installation.

b. Aircraft #122: Engines with modified honeycomb received [redacted] 1353 hours 30 August. Around the clock maximum effort over weekend to install airframe plumbing, process engines through test, and prepare for installation. Engines delivered to aircraft and ready for installation.

c. Aircraft #125: Engine replacement. Right engine - control system scheduling malfunction. Left engine - excessive oil consumption (over 50 hours total time). All effort over weekend focused on preparing engines for aircraft #121 and 122.

d. Aircraft #127: Down since 29 August for installation of INS and camera windows. To be scheduled for flight this week.

e. Aircraft #128: Final assembly.

f. Aircraft #129: Arrived 29 August for final assembly.